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27 January 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Mr. Barnes' Memorandum on the IG Survey of the Cuban Operation

1. As you are aware, Mr. Tracy Barnes did a major part of the work in preparing our comments on Mr. Kirkpatrick's Survey of the Cuban Operation. At the conclusion of the task, Mr. Barnes wrote me the attached memorandum which I hereby pass on to you.

2. I may say that I am in agreement with Mr. Barnes that the Survey, largely by reason of the omission of material relevant to its conclusions, constitutes a highly biased document and that the bias is of such a character that it must have been intentional.

3. I will be glad to discuss this with you if you so desire.

*Richard M. Bissell, Jr.*

RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.  
Deputy Director  
(Plans)

Attachments

1. Barnes' Memo
2. IG Memo to Mr. Barnes

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23 January 1962

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)  
Inspector General**

1. During a conversation between the Attorney General and the Director on Saturday, 20 January 1962, it was agreed that a copy of the Inspector General's Survey on Cuba, together with the comments of the DDCI and DD/P thereon, would not be sent to the Attorney General but, rather, the Attorney General would receive briefings similar to those given the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board on 19 January 1962, i.e., a briefing by Mr. Kirkpatrick and a briefing by Messrs. Bissell and Barnes. The Director also advised the Attorney General that he intends to ask the President's Board to return the copy of the report and comments thereon delivered to the Board on 18 January.

2. Action

Mr. Earman to (a) arrange for the DD/P and IG to brief the Attorney General as outlined above after he returns from his forthcoming trip abroad, and (b) remind the Director that he wishes to get in touch with Dr. Killian and have the IG report on Cuba, together with the comments thereon, returned to the files of the Agency.

J. S. Earman  
Executive Officer

Distribution:

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22 January 1962

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. C. Tracy Barnes

Dear Tracy:

Thank you for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your memorandum of 19 January concerning the Inspector General's Survey of the Cuban Operation. I do hope that Dick forwards it to the DCI, and I am enclosing a copy of this note to you in case you wish to send a copy to Dick.

I have not had time to study your memorandum, or even in fact do more than glance at the DD/P analysis in view of the meeting with the President's Board all day Friday and the fact that I am going to be away all this week. However, I will make the following comments. Needless to say, I completely disagree with your statement that it is an incompetent job. I feel that it is competent and I believe that the more than one file cabinet drawer full of background documents will prove its competence. I do not believe that it is biased. We made it very clear at the start of the report that it would only deal with inadequacies and failures and would not purport to be a thorough analysis of the operation.

Most of all I object most strongly to your third observation, namely that it is malicious and intentionally biased. I have asked the men who did this survey to review your memorandum and comment on the reasons you believe that it is biased. I should perhaps acknowledge that more time should have been spent with you or Bissell, but inasmuch as this devolved on me, if there is a fault, it is mine personally. But to imply that for some reason, unknown to me, that we would slant this report is an unfair comment. You apparently feel there was something unusual in the distribution of the final report. The only thing unusual in it was that we had two Directors at the time, and Mr. McCone having asked for it received it as he was leaving for the West Coast on the day before Thanksgiving and everybody else got their copies on the day after Thanksgiving. Your concern as to how the President's Board and the Attorney General knew of the survey's existence can be answered very simply. In 1956 the President's Board in writing advised all agencies that all inspector general reports should be forwarded to them automatically. I don't believe it was a week

after the Cuban operation that the direct question came from that Board as to whether an inspection was going to be done to which an affirmative reply was given. The Attorney General's source I do not know.

Finally, as far as to what should be done next, you and Dick should know that at the conclusion of my discussion with the President's Board I urged that a group, or individual, who had not in any way been associated with the operation be charged with taking the Taylor Report, our report and your comments and all background material and writing a truly national and detailed report. I believe that would be a far better solution than trying to develop a CIA position, which really is not very practical inasmuch as there were so many outside factors affecting this operation.

*Kirk*

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick